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1. INDOCHINA

HASC TUESDAY REJECTED ADMIN'S REQUEST FOR SVN MIL AID  
(UPI, CHITRIB). DEM HOUSE/SENATE LEADERS DELAY FLOOR  
VOTES ON CONTINGENCY HUMANITARIAN/EVACUATION AID UNTIL  
APR 24, MAINLY BECAUSE WANT BE SURE MORE AMERICANS  
REMOVED FROM SAIGON (NYDN). VA SENS BYRD, SCOTT SHIFT,  
BLOCK VN AID, EXEMPLIFYING WIDESPREAD RELUCTANCE CONTINUE  
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COMMITTING US FUNDS, PRESTIGE TO INDOCHINA (DEWAR, WP).  
ARMS AID CHANCES ALL BUT DISAPPEARED ON HILL, BUT BOTH  
CHAMBERS READIED HUMANITARIAN/EVACUATION BILLS' APPROVAL,  
DESPITE FEARS US MIL REINVOLVEMENT IF TROOPS SENT IN FOR

RESCUE (RICH/LYONS, WP). CONGRESS APPEARS BACK AWAY FROM TROOP USE, PUTS PRESSURE ON ADMIN QUICKLY BRING OUT REMAINING AMERICANS,DEPENDENTS (FRIEDMAN, PHINQ). EVACUATION FUNDS VOTE POSTPONED (PEPPER, SUN). SOME SENIOR DEM CONGRESSIONAL STAFF CALL ADMIN PLAN RESCUE LARGE NUMBER VIETS "CHARADE," SO SVN MILITARY "DON'T START SHOOTING AMERICANS" (NYHAN, GLOBE).NATL SURVEY SHOWS US PUBLIC OPPOSES PRES' MIL AID REQUEST 78-17 PCT,BUT FAVORS HUMANITARIAN AID 56-40(GALLUP, GLOBE).

INS RULES 99 UNDOCUMENTED VIET REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED HONOLULU CAN STAY 10 DAYS PENDING DECISION ON LONG-TERM ENTRY (UPI, WP; NYT). LA COUNTRY OFFICIAL SAYS HIGHLY-PLACED WASHINGTON OFFICIALS PLANNING BRING 600,000 TO 1 MILLION SEA REFUGEES TO US (ZEMAN, LAT 4/22). FIRST WAVE VIET REFUGEES, 190, ARRIVES TRAVIS AFB (TURNER, NYT). SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE APPROVES ATTY GENL REQUEST TO PAROLE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES INTO US (UPI, CHITRIB). INS CLEARS WAY FOR ADMISSION OF UP TO 129,000 REFUGEES; DOS OFFICIALS GIVE NO DETAILS OF EXACT NUMBER COMING OR WHERE TO BE SETTLED (AP, NYDN). SIGNIFICANCE ATTY GENL'S ACTION CLOUDED DUE TO SKEPTICISM MANY VIETS COULD BE EVACUATED BECAUSE OF DETERIORATING MIL SITUATION (MEYER, WP). IMMIGRATION PLANS DEVELOPED AT REQUEST OF SECSTATE (ROSENBAUM, NYT).

PRES TOLD REP CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS TUESDAY ONLY BAREST MINIMUM NUMBER AMCITS WOULD BE LEFT IN SVN BY NIGHTFALL; BUT WORD FROM SAIGON SAYS HUGE BACKLOG OF AMERICANS, DEPENDENTS, BECAUSE PLANE SHORTAGE (UPI CHITRIB, NYDN). LAT'S TUOHY IN SAIGON (4/22) DESCRIBES BOARDING EVACUATION PLANES, COMMENTS VIET DEPENDENTS GET "GOLDEN TICKET." AP AT CLARK REPORTS 4000 AMCITS, VIETS LANDED APR 22, WITH MORE EXPECTED (SUN). EVACUEES JAMMED AT CLARK, FACE LONG PROCESSING TIME (PHINQ). FRENCH OFFICIALS AT PARIS SAY GOF WANTS ITS NATIONALS REMAIN IN SAIGON (WP).

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PHINQ'S MCCARTNEY SAYS USG HAS DECIDED EVACUATE ALL AMCITS FROM SVN, BUT ANNOUNCEMENT BEING WITHHELD FOR FEAR AROUSING PANIC IN SAIGON. NYDN'S VOLZ REPORTS DOD PLANNERS BELIEVE FINAL EVACUATION US CITIZENS COULD BE MADE IN LESS THAN DAY. SUN'S CORDDRY STATES USN HAS DEPLOYED 44-SHIP FORCE, INCLUDING 5000 MARINES, TO SOUTH CHINA SEA FOR FAST EVACUATION IF GVN DEFENSES CRUMBLE BEFORE AIRLIFT COMPLETED. SUN'S TREWHITT QUOTES ADMIN THAT NUBER AMERICANS IN SVN REDUCED TO 1500 ESSENTIAL MINIMUM. CSM'S SPERLING/HEY SAY US AIR STRIKES WEIGHED BY DOD IF NECESSARY PROTECT AMERICAN LIVES.

CSM'S L0MIDT SEES RACE NOW IN PROGRESS BETWEEN NEGOTIATIONS

AND RESORT TO FORCE TO WITHDRAW REMAINING AMERICANS, INDEFINITE NUMBER OF VIETS FROM SAIGON. SUN'S PEPPER QUOTES JAVITS, AFTER SFRC BRIEFING BY HABIB, THAT THERE IS "REAL HOPE" FOR NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO PEACE SETTLEMENT. NYT'S ROSENBAUM REPORTS HABIB REPORTEDLY TOLD SFRC ADMIN'S IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE IS REDUCE AMCITS, DEPENDENTS IN SAIGON TO 1200.

GVN MAKEUP REMAINS UNCERTAIN AS NEW PRES TRIES FORM CABINET THAT COULD NEGOTIATE SURRENDER. IN PARIS AND HANOI, COMMUNIST REPS CALL HUONG "REACTIONARY CIVILIAN TRAITOR" (PHINQ). NYT'S BUTTERFIELD IN SAIGON BELIEVES THIEU STILL DIRECTS GVN OPERATIONS. WP'S MCCOMBS/GREENWAY REPORT HUONG CONFERRING WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS IN EFFORT STABILIZE SITUATION, FORM NEW GOVT. WP'S MARDER THINKS HANOI STANCE DIMS C-F HOPE (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). NYDN'S CARTER SEES INDICATIONS COMMUNISTS WANT ONLY UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER. CHITRIB NOTES VC DEMAND HUONG BE REPLACED, HIT US FOR MIL SHIPMENTS, INTERFERENCE. CSM'S SOUTHERLAND SAYS GVN BIDS AGAINST FOES WITH WEAK HAND (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). NYT'S GWERTZMAN POINTS OUT VN COMMUNISTS REBUFF TRUCE AND TALKS, INSIST US CUT ALL GVN AID. CHITRIB'S YATES IN SAIGON BELIEVES VIET "YOUNG LIONS" PLOT HUONG'S OVERTHROW, WANT REPLACE HIM WITH SENATE PRES LAM. QUOTES SOURCE THAT AMB MARTIN TOLD KY POLITICAL SOLUTION FORTHCOMING IN FEW DAYS. SUN'S LEWTHWAITE NOTES VC RULE OUT HUONG TALKS. SUN'S UNCLASSIFIED

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ISAACS SAYS EVEN WITH THIEU OUT, PEACE NOT AT HAND.

NVN ANNOUNCE NAMES 3 US PILOTS SHOT DOWN, KILLED BETWEEN 1965-72, IN FIRST INFO RELEASE ON MIAS SINCE EARLY 1973 (WP; AP SUN, NYDN, PHINQ; CHITRIB).

COMMUNIST FORCES BEATEN BACK NEAR BIEN HOA (NYDN). GVN SAID TO HAVE EVACUATED ALL TROOPS FROM XUAN LOC. FIGHTING CONTINUES NEAR TAY NINH (SUN; NYT). US GROUP, VETS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR VN, SAYS WILL SEND TRAINED MEN TO FIGHT COMMUNISTS IN N AND S VN WITHIN 10 DAYS. GVN EMBASSY SAYS ITS GOVT HAS POLICY AGAINST PERMITTING ALIENS IN ARMY (AP, NYDN). CSM'S HALVERSON CONSIDERS US WEAPONS HANOI MIGHT CAPTURE, ESTIMATES VALUE IN BILLIONS. CSM'S GATLAND REPORTS USSR SATELLITES WATCH VN MIL SCENE, EJECT FILM OVER RUSSIA.

WESTERN OIL COMPANIES EXPLORING OFF SVN REPORTEDLY MADE SECRET CONTACT WITH HANOI, VC, TO INQUIRE ABOUT DRILLING RIGHTS (UPI PHINQ, JOC).

IZVESTIA CORRESPONDENT INDICATES DA NANG PROBLEMS, INVOLVING ADMINISTRATION REFUGEE-SWOLLEN CITY, SULLEN

RESISTENCE ON POPULATION'S PART (CSM). ORPHAN AIRLIFT  
RAISES SVN PROTEST STORM (SOUTHERLAND, CSM); 14 SVN  
ORPHANS ARRIVE BALTO-WASH AREA (PIETILA, SUN). VIETS  
IN US WORRY OVER FAMILIES LOST IN RUSH OF EVENTS (SHAFFER,  
WP).

LAOTIAN FACTIONS BATTLE AGAIN IN MOST SERIOUS FIGHTING

SINCE C-F (REUTER SUN, NYT). PL CUT VIENTIANE-LUANG  
HWAY (UPI NYDN, PHINQ). C-F LINE SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT  
10 MILES E OF ROAD JUNCTION, BUT SIDES HAVE ARGUED OVER  
PLACEMENT DEMARCATION MARKER (PHINQ). PL SAY FIGHTING  
WILL CONTINUE UNTIL OTHER SIDE HALTS ATTACKS. FIGHTING  
APPEARED TIMED COINCIDE WITH LAOTIAN NEW YEAR CELEBRATION  
(WP).

KR LEADERS BROKE FIVE-DAY NEWS BLACKOUT TUESDAY.  
KHIEU SAMPHAN, INFO MIN HOU NIM PROCLAIM FINAL VICTORY  
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ON PP RADIO. ANNOUNCE NON-ALIGNED POLICY. BROADCAST  
SEEN AS SIGN AT LEAST SOME TOP LEADERS OF NEW REGIME  
IN CAPITAL (AP, NYDN, SUN, PHINQ; WP). MALCOLM (NYT)  
CITES KHIEU THANKS TO "PEOPLE OF ENTIRE WORLD" FOR  
SUPPORT DURING WAR, AND TO PEACE-LOVING AMERICANS,  
UNNAMED HIGH US LEADERS.

BROADCAST MUM ON EVENTS IN PP SINCE FALL. NO MENTION  
FOREIGNERS, US NEWSMEN STILL THERE (PHINQ); BUT UN,  
ICRC SAID MONDAY RECEIVED REPORTS MOST WELL (WP).

IN PARIS GOF SPOKESMAN SAYS ONLY 6000 OF THOSE WHO  
SOUGHT SHELTER IN FRENCH EMBASSY REMAIN AFTER 400  
DEPART, MOSTLY CAMBODIANS; LOCAL OFFICIALS PERMIT  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELIVERY FOOD, WATER, MEDICINE  
(AP, PHINQ, NYT, SUN; WP).

RTG REPORTS 5,088 CAMBODIAN REFUGEES ENTERED THAILAND  
IN RECENT DAYS; ORDERS 800 WHO ARRIVED NEAR S COAST  
ON TWO LANDING CRAFT TUESDAY REMAIN OFFSHORE (MALCOLM).

TELTSCH (NYT) SAYS SEVEN PRIVATE US RELIGIOUS GROUPS  
OFFER HELP RESETTLE AT LEAST 1,000 CAMBODIANS IN US.  
ASSUMES REFUGEES NOW TEMPORARILY AT U TAPAO WOULD BE  
ADMITTED UNDER EMERGENCY WAIVER PROCEDURE.

SUN'S ROZHON OBSERVES NO FLAG OVER "UNCERTAIN YET  
STRANGELY RELAXED" CAMBODIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON;  
NEW GOVT NOT YET IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY, AND AMBASSADOR  
MAKING NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS FOR OR AGAINST KR.

SIHANOUK STILL IN PEKING. ACCORDING TANJUG DISPATCH,

PRINCE DENIES REPORTS KR BEHEADED FORMER GKR OFFICIALS --  
SAID SPREAD BY CIA RADIO IN COUNTRY ADJACENT CAMBODIA  
(WP, PHINQ).

2. CHINA

BALTO N-A (4/22) REPRINTS CDN ARTICLE BY JAFFE, IN

PEKING, THAT AIR, SEA MAIL FROM US TO PRC ILLEGALLY  
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OPENED, INCLUDING SEN HHH LETTER TO PEKING TRAVEL  
SERVICE. CITES USPS SPOKESMAN THAT "SOME MAIL" COULD  
BE TAMPERED WITH IN HK, CHIEF TRANSFER POINT FOR US-  
PRC MAIL.

GLOBE AND MAIL'S BURNS (NYT) NOTES TINDEMAN IMPRESSION  
PRC LEADERS "HAVE COOLED" TOWARD US; NOW ATTACH MORE  
WEIGHT TO SECDEF STATEMENTS ON MIL POLICY THAN SECSTATE  
DIPLOMATIC PRONOUNCEMENTS. BURNS ALSO NOTES CHINESE  
COMPLAIN WASHINGTON NOT LIVING UP TO SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE,  
DEMAND US ACCEPT "JAPANESE SOLUTION" BEFORE DIPLOMATIC  
TIES CAN BE ESTABLISHED.

UPI (TOKYO) SAYS PRC ORDERS 90 TUGS, DREDGES, FLOATING  
CRANES IN JAPAN AT COST 193 MILLION DOLS TO CARRY  
OUT CRASH PROGRAM MODERNIZE AT LEAST SEVEN SEAPORTS  
ON CHINA, YELLOW SEAS. CITES JAPANESE IN CHINA TRADE  
THIS FORECASTS GROWING TRADE ROLE FOR CHINA (JOC).

3. JAPAN

FIVE TREMORS JOLTED SW JAPAN TUESDAY. NO DAMAGE REPORTED.  
AFTER SHOCKS OF MAJOR EARTHQUAKE MONDAY, ACCORDING  
METEOROLOGY AGENCY (UPI, PHINQ, NYDN).

4. MALAYSIA

THREE CAMBODIAN PATROL BOATS ARRIVE OFF NE COAST MALAYSIA,  
ACCORDING BERNAMA PRESS AGENCY, CARRYING 625 REFUGEES, OF  
WHOM 346 SOLDIERS. GOM ALLOWS ANCHOR NEAR TUMPAT,  
WELFARE OFFICIALS DISTRIBUTE FOOD (REUTER, NYT; WP).

5. HONG KONG

JOC'S STRAUSS IN HK SAYS FIRST HK-MACAO COMMERCIAL  
"JET-FOIL" SERVICE BEGUN TUESDAY, WITH FIRST OF TWO  
100-TON VESSELS SOLD BY BOEING FOR 3.5 MILLION DOLS  
EACH.

6. AUSTRALIA

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GOA IMPOSES CONTROLS ON TIN EXPORTS IN LINE WITH INTL TIN COUNCIL DECISION LAST WEEK TO LIMIT MEMBERS' TOTAL EXPORTS TO 26,560 TONS OVER THREE MONTHS BEGINNING APR 18. GOA SPOKESMAN SAYS AIM IS STABILIZE WORLD PRICE AT "FAIR AND REMUNERATIVE" LEVEL (JOC-CANBERRA).

7. THAILAND

SINGAPORE PM LEE ARRIVES BANGKOK FOR TALKS WITH RTG OFFICIALS ABOUT INDOCHINA, INCLUDING PP FALL, THIEU RESIGNATION (WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA

GLOBE FINDS FORD "REMOVED FROM REALITY" IN APPROACH TO INDOCHINA PROBLEM; WONDERES IF ANYONE ON PRES' STAFF TALKS TO HIM CANDIDLY ABOUT US MOOD.

LAT (APR 22) CONCLUDES THIEU'S CAUSE FAILED NOT SO MUCH FROM ARMS SHORTAGE AS FROM ABSENCE OF WILL (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SUN ADVISES US NOT TRY TELL HUONG'S GOVT, OR SUCCESSORS, HOW TO WORK OUT AFFAIRS WITH COMMUNIST VICTORS; US CONTRIBUTION SHOULD BE WILLINGNESS JOIN IN SVN RECONSTRUCTION (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WSTAR (APR 22) THINKS COMMUNISTS MAY AGREE TO EASE "AWKWARD PROBLEM" OF PRO-US VIETS IN SOUTH BY CONSENTING TO THEIR DEPARTURE FROM COUNTRY; STRESSES US OBLIGATION CONTINUE HUMANITARIAN AID (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT FINDS HARD TO SEE WHY 1500 AMCITS STILL NEEDED IN SAIGON TO CONDUCT NECESSARY US RESPONSIBILITIES. IN COMPANION EDIT, URGES US HUMANITARIAN AID BE CHanneled THROUGH INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, NOT DONATED TO SAIGON GOVT OF UNCERTAIN DURATION (BOTH IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT'S RESTON FINDS IT ODD HAK PAYING SO LITTLE ATTENTION  
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TO UN EFFORTS HELP ARRANGE VN COMPROMISE, C-F (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). LEVINE (WSJ) SAYS US INTELLIGENCE DID PRODUCE ACCURATE FORECAST OF VN COMMUNISTS' DRIVE SOUTHWARD, BUT FAILED COMMUNICATE SENSE OF URGENCY ABOUT SITUATION.

REVIEWING VN EVENTS BEFORE AND SINCE PARIS ACCORDS, GLOBE'S HEALY FINDS INFRACTIONS, VIOLATIONS ON ALL SIDES; EVEN US FAILED PROVIDE NVN RECONSTRUCTION FUNDS, DID NOT CLEAR ALL MINES FROM NVN HARBORS, RIVERS.

LAT'S DONOVAN (APR 22) SAYS PERHAPS DOMINO THEORY

EYEWASH, AND SEA NOT VITAL TO US SECURITY; HOWEVER, NOT SO EASY TO DISMISS STEADY, RELENTLESS EXPANSION COMMUNISM AROUND GLOBE.

SEEING FORD'S DIFFICULTIES IN ASIA NOW PARALLEL TO PICTURE WHEN TRUMAN WAS PRES, FURGURSON (WSTAR APR 22) VOICES PREFERENCE FOR WAY HST HANDLED SITUATION. WP'S GREENFIELD DISPUTES CHARGES INDOCHINA "BABYLIFT" IS INHUMANE, POLITICALLY CHEAP OR CULTURALLY ARROGANT (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

INDOCHINA RESOURCE CENTER'S BRANFMAN CONTENTS CRITICAL THAT ADMIN NOW SEIZE OPPORTUNITY OF THIEU'S RESIGNATION TO MOVE FOR KIND OF POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OUTLINED BY PRG, AND SUPPORTED BY BUDDHISTS, CATHOLICS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

#### 9. JAPAN

FRANCIS (CSM) IN OSAKA EXPLAINS "CORPORATE PROTECTION FROM UNEMPLOYMENT" ASPECT OF JAPAN'S LIFETIME EMPLOYMENT SYSTEM, THAT KEP JOBLESS RATE ABOUT 2.5 PERCENT LAST MONTH DESPITE DEEP RECESSION (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

HALLORAN (NYT) IN SAPPORO DESCRIBES DIFFERENCES THAT MARK HOKKAIDO; CITES "FRONTIER SPIRIT" OF SETTLERS WHO DEVELOPED ISLAND OVER PAST CENTURY, DESPITE HARSH WINTER CLIMATE, AND LASTING IMPRINT LEFT ON THINKING UNCLASSIFIED

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ON AMERICAN ADVISORS GOJ INVITED GUIDE DEVELOPMENT IN 19TH CENTURY.

#### 10. INDONESIA

MCDONALD (WP) IN JAKARTA SAYS INDOCHINA DEBACLE REMINDS INDONESIANS HOW NEHRU, CHOU EN-LAI JOINED SUKARNO IN BANDUNG 20 YEARS AGO IN FIRST NONALIGNED NATIONS CONFERENCE (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

#### 11. THAILAND

CAMBODIA WON, WP'S SIMON REVIEWS INCREASINF THAI CONCERN THAT HANOI WILL SWIFTLY TURN MILITARY MIGHT ON THAILAND

AS "NEXT DOMINO" ONCE SAIGON FALLS (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

12. AUSTRALIA

GOA ONE OF FIRST TO RECOGNIZE NEW COMMUNIST-LED CAMBODIA  
GOVT, AND CSM'S MILLAR IN CANBERRA BELIEVES WOULD DO  
, AND CSM'S MILLAR IN CANBERRA BELIEVES WOULD DO

SAME IF SAIGON FALLS TO PRG. QUOTES WHITLAM SAYING  
"AUSTRALIA'S SECURITY AND LONG-TERM INTERESTS ARE NOT  
AFFECTED" BY POLITICAL COLOR OF SAIGON RULERS. KISSINGER

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